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King and Kennedy assassination records appeals Harold Weisberg 7/30/80
Information provided to other writers
The DeLoach operation
Search of divisions' files

There has been no compliance with the Items of my King requests pertaining to information given to other writers. There has been no real search. Search slips provided under discovery in C.A. 75-1996 are incomplete and even then all the records listed on the search slips were not reviewed for compliance. I provided the identifications of files in which the FBI hides such matters because while it locks its head off it also lies its head off in claiming it does not leak and blaming all others for its leaks.

Recently I provided you with what Curtis Liddy reported in his book about the functions of the "Crime Records" Division when he was a supervisor in it.

Liddy is confirmed by the so-called Murphy report of the CRD, of 3/31/76, of which I attach the appropriate page. The DeLoach operation included contact work, public information and press relations, CRD states.

You have not responded to what by now is a fairly large number of appeals. Neither you nor the FBI has disputed any of the considerable amount of information I provided. This undisputed information includes that the FBI's leaking burned the case around and contributed to if it did not in fact lead to the avoidance of a trial by the guilty plea.

It got pretty raw during the depositions, when FOIA supervisor Hartingh (on the 12/23/75 request) testified that he had been part of the DeLoach operation and he performed such duties as preparing the "public domain" research that was provided by that Division. Hartingh was represented by Bill Cole. Items 16 and 20 of this request amplify Item 7 of my 4/15/75 request. I also provided Jeremiah O'Leary's public admission that just about all the information for his Random Digest was provided by the FBI, together with James Earl Ray's letter to the judge telling him that if the FBI didn't stop this no purpose would be served by a trial.

How much more than five years is it going to take before there will be a search?